GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Rise in Sugar Production
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of sugar produced during the first quarter of the current sugar marketing year;
(b) whether there has been a rise in the production as compared to the previous year;
(c) if so, details thereof State/Union- Territory wise;
(d) whether certain sugar mills have stopped the work of sugarcane crushing during the current season;
(e) if so, the number thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
(f) whether the said sugar mills have paid the dues of the farmers in full and if so the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): The quantum of sugar produced during the first quarter i.e. from 1st October, 2015 to 31st December, 2015 of the current sugar season 2015-16 is about 77.70 Lac Tons (Provisional).
(b) & (c): There has been a marginal rise in sugar production i.e. of about 2.97 Lac Tons (Provisional) during the first quarter of the current sugar season 2015-16 as compared to the corresponding period of last sugar season 2014-15. The State/Union Territory-wise sugar production during the first quarter of sugar season 2014-15 and 2015-16 is at Annexure-I.
(d): Yes, Madam.
(e) & (f): As per information received from Cane Commissioners of the sugar producing States, 108 sugar mills have stopped their crushing operation by the end of February, 2016 during the current sugar season mainly due to less availability of sugarcane in their command area. Except one sugar mill in Uttarakhand, other sugar mills have not paid the dues of the farmers in full. The details of State-wise, number of sugar mills stopped crushing operation by the end of February, 2016 during the current sugar season and their farmers' dues position is at Annexure-II.
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